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of 35,000 men, who will be drafted from the regiments of the Caucasian military districts. The troops will be drawn out in two lines, one lying directly on the frontier, in the space between the posts of the frontier guard; the other lying behind the first and serving as a reserve force. Arrangements shall be made to put the cordon in force within one or two days from the receipt of the order from St. Petersburg.

BRITISH EAST INDIES.—By order of the Government of Bengal, dated March 2, quarantine laws are put in force at Calcutta against Goa similar to those in force against arrivals from Karachi.

MOROCCO.—According to advices of March 21, the Sultan has ordered all police authorities and governors of States and harbor towns to prevent the departure of pilgrims during the current year. The pilgrimage to Mecca may be resumed next year.

Cholera and plague.

CHOLERA.

FRANCE.—The Weekly Bulletin of Sanitary Statistics states that a case of cholera was reported from the St. Lambert quarter, by hospital report, during the week ended March 27.

PLAGUE.

BRITISH EAST INDIES.—In the city of Bombay, during the four weeks from February 10 to March 9, 845, 778, 692, and 590 deaths from plague were reported. New cases are reported from the Punjaub, and in the interior of Scind, as far as Sukkur, isolated cases are reported.

CUBA.

Smallpox and yellow fever in Cuban seaports.

April 24: The United States sanitary inspector at Habana reports that during the week ended April 22 there were in that city 16 deaths from yellow fever, with 60 new cases, and 200 new cases of smallpox, with 22 deaths.

April 20: The United States consul at Cardenas reports that during the week ended April 17 there were in that city no new cases and no deaths from yellow fever, and 60 cases and 10 deaths from smallpox.

April 16: The United States consul at Matanzas reports that during the week ended April 14 there were in that city 3 deaths from smallpox.

Sanitary report from Habana.

HABANA, ISLAND OF CUBA, April 24, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that smallpox continues to diminish slowly here, that yellow fever has not increased during the past week, and that other spreading diseases exist only to a limited extent.

Mortuary report.—During the week ended April 22 there were 250 deaths from all diseases in this city, 16 of which were caused by yellow fever, with 60 new cases approximately; 22 were caused by smallpox, with approximately 200 new cases; 5 were caused by enteric fever, 3 by so-called pernicious fever, 3 by paludal fever, 15 by enteritis, 10 by dysen-

tery, 3 by diphtheria, 1 by grippe, 1 by glanders, 8 by pneumonia, and 41 by tuberculosis.

All of the 16 deaths from yellow fever during the week occurred among Spanish soldiers in the military hospitals, and all of the 22 from smallpox were among civilians in different parts of the city.

Heavy rains for five consecutive days during last and parts of this week followed by quite cool weather have undoubtedly had a tendency to check temporarily the spread of yellow fever.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. M. BURGESS,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

INDIA.

Remarks on the official summary of deaths and births in the city of Bombay for the week ending March 16, 1897.

BOMBAY, March 18, 1897.

SIR: The local plague commission are establishing hospitals in every ward. They have started house to-house inspection, providing accommodation for those rendered homeless by destruction of uninhabitable and insanitary houses. The increased vigor and thoroughness of the commission operate in contributing to decrease the death rate locally. There is no improvement in the interior. A large reflux of population is expected next week after holidays. Business still paralyzed. Dr. Yersin's treatment appears to show equally good results here as in Hongkong.

Population according to census of 1891.....	821, 764
Present population, for the purpose of this report, estimated one-half the above.....	410, 882
Total number of deaths reported for the week.....	1, 258
Total number of deaths for corresponding week last year.....	575
Mean number of deaths corresponding weeks, previous five years.....	534
Allowing that one-half the population has left the city, the proportionate number of deaths based on the mean of previous five years would be.....	267
Number of deaths last week that may be attributed to plague.....	991
Average per day from plague.....	142
Number of deaths from plague officially reported for week.....	497
Average per day.....	71
Probable average number of deaths per day from plague reported as having died of other diseases.....	71
Officially reported death rate for last week per 1,000.....	142
Same for corresponding week last year.....	78. 59
Mean number for corresponding week previous five years.....	34. 99
Number of births reported last week.....	32. 01
Number for corresponding week last year.....	97
Mean number for corresponding week previous five years.....	357
	253

C. F. MEYER,
United States Vice-Consul.

Remarks on the official summary of deaths and births in the city of Bombay for the week ended March 23, 1897.

BOMBAY, March 25, 1897.

SIR: All are greatly encouraged to hope by the decreasing mortality that we have seen the worst of the plague in Bombay, but it is expected